

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-15 are pending in the application. Claim 15 stands withdrawn pursuant to a restriction requirement. Claims 11, 13 and 14 have been amended as requested by the Examiner. No claims have been amended to overcome prior art or to narrow the claim breadth. No new matter has been added. Thus, the full doctrine of equivalents applies to each claim limitation.

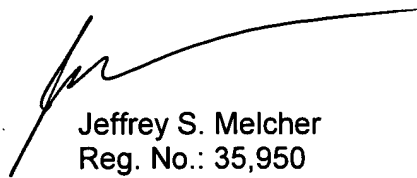
The specification has been amended to reflect the issuance of the parent application. No new matter has been added.

It is believed that objections to the specification and claims on page 3 of the pending Final Office Action are moot in view of the amendments set forth above. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objections to the specification and claims is respectfully requested.

Entry of this amendment is requested to reduce the issues for Appeal.

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